

Supervisor Pam Slater-Price

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Slater-Price Helps Fund Fire Safety

She Leads Effort To Secure \$5 Million

As firefighting agencies gear up in preparation of a hot summer, Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price secured an additional \$5 million in one-time money to help San Diego County combat deadly wildfire.

In June, the Board of Supervisors agreed to add \$5 million to address firefighting needs outlined in a recent study of the region's firefighting capabilities. Recommendations included streamlining dispatch operations, building 14 new fire stations to be built by the cities, and consolidating fire agencies. The San Diego County Fire Authority spends \$15.5 million annually to protect 1.5 million acres in the unincorporated areas.

"Catastrophic wildfires will not wait for us to implement the important suggestions from the fire deployment study," explained Chairwoman Slater-Price, who proposed the funding change with Vice Chairman Bill Horn. "We must act now. In San Diego County, fire protection is not a luxury - it is an absolute necessity."

The funds became available when the Board of Supervisors reduced funding for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program in half.

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The Sun Rise helicopter can be used to fight wildfire with the addition of either a 400- or 2,500-gallon water tank.

Supervisors Restrict Locations Of Medicinal Marijuana Stores

Sixteen well-regulated locations in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County are now approved for medical marijuana dispensaries, following a late June vote by the Board of Supervisors which approved the potential sites, 4-1.

A dispensary cannot be located within 1,000 feet of residences, schools, churches, parks or another dispensary. Supervisors rejected a proposal by the county Planning Commission calling for 500- to 600-foot buffers. An applicant must also pay for a license and inspections by the Sheriff's Department, which are estimated to cost about \$20,000 per dispensary.

"We wanted to protect residents, including children, while abiding by the will of the voters who passed the proposition legalizing these dispensaries," explained Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price.

Taxpayers Association Salutes Board of Supervisors



Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price (left) holds the Regional Golden Watchdog Award presented by President Lani Lutar of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association. Joining Chairwoman Slater-Price in receiving the honor were Supervisors Dianne Jacob and Greg Cox. The five supervisors (right) show the award, which saluted their fiscal prudence for setting aside funding over a five-year period to build the new Medical Examiner's Office and Forensics Center, saving county taxpayers about \$140 million in interest payments. The facility was completed on time and under budget, saving taxpayers another \$12 million.



CHRISTMAS IN JUNE ... WITH SMILES

For many of the more than 200,000 military families in San Diego County, Christmas is an incomplete holiday, especially when one family member is serving in harm's way. To help these families, "Christmas" is celebrated on June 25 - exactly six months later - thanks to the staff and volunteers at the Armed Services YMCA.

More than 600 families attended this year's celebration, the 4th annual Christmas You Missed at the Murphy Canyon Youth Center in Tierrasanta. Military families gave presents to their children, sang holiday carols and decorated Christmas trees, all the while creating new holiday memories that will last a lifetime.

A \$5,000 Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant to the Armed Services YMCA offset some of the costs for the event. Toys for Tots handed out more than 600 toys to the children.

In addition, Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price issued custom birth certificates to families welcoming new "additions." Thirteen families had a baby born while a parent was deployed during 2009.



In addition to kicking off this year's Aging Summit (left), Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price personally demonstrated the importance of being vaccinated when she received her inoculations for the H1N1 flu (right) from a public health nurse.



HISTORY IS ALIVE AGAIN



One hundred supporters (above right) attended the Saturday reopening of the historic Sikes Adobe in the San Dieguito River Park. Cutting the ceremonial ribbon are (above left), Lone Stiegler, AIA, historic preservation architect with IS Architecture, Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price, Mayor Richard Earnest of the City of Del Mar and chair of the San Dieguito River Park JPA, and Mayor Lori Holt-Pfeiler and Councilwoman Olga Diaz of the City of Escondido. The adobe was occupied between 1869 and 1899 by the Sikes family, of which several descendants attended the ceremony, and offers an example of pioneer life in San Diego County when California first became a state. The adobe burned during the 2007 wildfire; reconstruction began two years later. Chairwoman Slater-Price had her photograph taken with Boy Scout Troop 649, The Rattlesnake Patrol (right). Amanda Karg (left) showed off the period clothing.



Clerk of the Board Thomas Pastuzka (above) describes the photographs of the newly remodeled rooms at the historic County Administrative Center to Chairwoman Slater-Price. Once used to house computer equipment, the Bayside Rooms (right) now are equipped for meetings, trainings and other activities.



Helping promote a healthier planet and work environment led Qualcomm to be awarded the Supervisor Pam Slater-Price Sustainability Award (left), presented by San Diego Earthworks. Representing Qualcomm were Gail Welch, senior manager of sustainability, and Terry Guiney, senior director of business services. Joining Chairwoman Slater-Price after the ceremony were Marshall Merrifield and Allison Trattner.



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FIRE

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In approving the funding, the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to determine the most appropriate use of the funds to improve fire protection based on the Citygate Associates report.

The last major wildfire that struck San Diego County occurred in October 2007 when Santa Ana winds pushed 100-foot-tall flames across the region, destroying more than 1,500 homes, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of residents and charring a half-million acres. Nine fatalities were related to the wildfire.

"There have been 115 brush fires in San Diego County just this year," said Chairwoman Slater-Price. "And the heat of summer has yet to arrive. We had a lot of rain this year, which means there is a lot of brush that will burn. As the days grow hotter and drier, the risk of wildfire grows. Add Santa Ana winds and you have an explosive combination of elements.

"We must be prepared if we want to avoid a repeat of 2007. Earmarking the \$5 million for improved fire protection is another step in the regional firefighting strategy. We have to protect the residents and property of San Diego County."



Supporters of the San Elijo Lagoon listen to the latest plans and alternatives for restoration of the wetlands. More than 700 species of plants and animals, some endangered, call the 1,000-acre preserve their home. The San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve has six distinct plant communities. The foundation supports the non-profit's mission of "preserving, protecting and enhancing" the lagoon and its watershed. The presentation updated the foundation's major donors.



Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price chats with members of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. About 100 people turned out to meet with Chairwoman Slater-Price and San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders. Chairwoman Slater-Price explained the functions of county government, detailed the county's fiscal situation, and answered questions from the audience.

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